

7. (twice amended) A method of detecting a target structure by analytical electron microscopy, comprising the steps:

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- a) providing the plasmid of claim 1;
  - b) adding a marker to the plasmid to form a plasmid-marker complex;
  - c) binding the plasmid-marker complex to the target structure; and
  - d) imaging the bound complex by electron microscopy.

10. (twice amended) A test kit for use in electron microscopy comprising:

- a) host *E. coli* JM110 bacterial cells suitable for replicating the plasmid of claim 1; and
- b) a single-stranded plasmid comprising at least one of 2, 7, 14, 21, and 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

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12. (amended) A reagent for electron microscopy comprising a pBluescript KS(+) derivative that comprises a multiple SK primer sequence element; and a SK oligonucleotide with end modification by a detectable element, wherein the element is detectable by electron microscopy.

**In the Specification:**

Insert the following as the first sentence of the specification:

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--This application receives priority from application PCT/DE00/00116, filed January 07, 2001, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 199 00 511.7, filed January 07, 1999, the entireties of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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